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MEETING AT THE ACADEMY

Rev. Mr. Fikes to Address the Men.

A MEMORIAL WINDOW

One to Be Presented to Centenary Church—Dr. Hannon to the Soldiers—Annual Meeting of Sunday-School Association.

There will be a great meeting at the Academy of Music to-morrow afternoon for men. The doors will open at 8 o'clock, and a big crowd of men will be present. The speaker will be Rev. Maurice Penfield Fikes, of Baltimore, who on two other occasions has addressed large audiences of Richmond men at the theatre. His theme will be "Modern Jonahs," and every fellow who has been down and up or up and down should hear him. Mr. Fikes is a young man, a forceful speaker and eloquent. He holds the attention of men throughout. The music will be especially strong. The Virginia Glee Club and Miss Martha Sneed will sing. The congregational singing will be led by the Grace-Street Baptist chorus choir. At the meeting important announcements will be made concerning March 15th, which will be the biggest Sunday for years.

Dr. Witherspoon, pastor of Grace-Street Presbyterian Church, will preach both before morning and at night. The Doctor's subject for his morning discourse will be "Religion Exemplified," and for his night discourse his subject will be "Character and Service." Immediately after the night service the ordination and installation of the recently elected ruling elders and deacons will take place.

Dr. J. B. Hawthorne will preach in the morning at Grove Avenue on "The Gospel's Explanation of Man's Unhappiness." In the evening his subject will be "Piety and Practical Benevolence."

The usual services will be held at the First Baptist Church by Dr. George Cooper, and at the Second Church by Dr. W. R. L. Smith.

The Rev. Maurice Penfield Fikes, of Baltimore, will preach at both services of Grace-Street Baptist Church.

The Rev. M. Ashby Jones will preach in the morning at Leigh-Street on "The Foundation of Faith." His subject at night will be "To Have or to Be."

The Rev. George H. Spooner will preach at both services at Trinity Methodist Church.

Anderson's Light Infantry, Captain Thompson, will attend Union-Station Methodist Church to-morrow morning. A special sermon will be preached by Dr. John Hannon. At night there will be revival services, conducted by the pastor.

The Rev. L. B. Betty will preach in the morning at Clay-Street Methodist Church on "What Then Can Be Saved?" His subject at night will be "The Marriage Vow and the Wedding Garment."

A memorial window erected to the memory of Mr. John Martin and Mr. E. P. Hudgins will be presented to Centenary Methodist Church at the morning service. Bishop John C. Granbery will preach the sermon. At night Dr. Lear will preach on "The Thought and Wish of the Poet."

Dr. John William Jones will preach in the morning at Randolph Street Baptist Church on "The Need of a Revival and How to Secure It." The Rev. I. S. Boyles will preach at night.

The annual meeting of the Baptist Sunday-School Association of Richmond and Manchester will be held at 4 o'clock in the afternoon at Calvary Baptist Church.

The usual services will be held at Marshall Street Christian Church by the Rev. B. H. Melton and at West End by the Rev. H. P. Atkins.

The Rev. Carey E. Morgan will preach at both services at Seventh Street. His subject at night will be "Family Relationship as Types of Spiritual Relationship."

The subject of the Rev. P. A. Cave at the Third Christian Church at night will be "The Conversion of a Cabinet Officer."

Dr. R. P. Kerr will preach morning and night at the First Presbyterian Church.

Dr. W. E. Evans will preach morning and afternoon at Monumental.

GORMAN CHOSEN LEADER BY SENATORIAL CAUCUS

(By Associated Press.)
WASHINGTON, D. C., March 6.—The Democratic Senatorial caucus, which met to-day, organized by electing Senator Gorman its leader. The caucus was held in the Senate chamber. This is a permanent place and assures him the occupancy of one of the most commodious and best located committee rooms in the Senate and of the Capitol. He made a brief speech in assuming the chair, and the conference then proceeded to other business. There were present twenty-eight of the thirty-three Democratic Senators.

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DULUTH, MINN., in the same court-room in which he had been convicted of the murder of his sweetheart, Charles J. Henderson, a negro, was hanged at 4 o'clock this morning.

HIGH TAX IN MANCHESTER

The Committee Reports a Big Raise in Liquor License.

GOES UP TO \$125 A YEAR

Opposition on the Part of the Saloon Men—Another Fight When the Report Reaches Council.

The Times-Dispatch Bureau, 1 No. 119 Hull Street.
If the recommendation of the Finance Committee is adopted by the Council, the saloon men of Manchester will have to pay \$125 a year for license after the 1st of May, instead of \$30 as now prevails.

The subcommittee on finance, embracing Messrs. Owen, Wakefield and Abbott, made a report to the general committee last night in which the license fee of \$100 was recommended. The report rehearsed the fact that Manchester carried the lowest fee of any city in the State its size, and gave comparative figures, bearing out that statement.

Before the report was acted upon, Chairman Bradley, noticing that a number of saloon men were present extended them the courtesy of the floor to make any remarks they might see fit on the subject.

Those who responded to the invitation were Messrs. D. L. Toney, John Moore, J. T. Robinson and Powell.

MR. TONEY'S REMARKS.
Mr. Toney in his remarks carried with them the sentiments of the others. He said that the conditions of Manchester were entirely different from any other city in the State; that two-thirds of the trade of the city went to Richmond, and that in view of this fact, which could not be contradicted, and the further fact that even now under the present license, it was hard to make a living. He urged the committee before taking action to consider the matter fully, and if the fee was to be raised to make it reasonable and not prohibitive.

Mr. Barrett, when the question on the adoption of the report came up, moved as a substitute that the license tax be fixed at \$20. The vote on the motion was 3 to 1 against it.

Then Mr. Fair moved that the fee be fixed at \$100. This motion was also lost.

The next motion was offered by Mr. Nunnally, who asked that the tax be placed at \$125, and upon this motion the three members of the subcommittee who had recommended the raising of the tax stood 8 to 1. Mr. Barrett being the only man voting in the negative.

TO REVISE TAX LIST.
The report having been adopted, Mr. Owen then moved that a committee of three be appointed to revise the list of Manchester saloons, and to place all saloons on the same footing with dealers in similar lines in other cities. This motion had been suggested by Mr. Barrett, when, in his opposition to the big increase in the liquor license, he said that no one class of merchants should be called upon to pay so much more taxes than others.

Mr. Barrett seconded the motion and it was adopted.

Chairman Bradley named Messrs. Owen, Barrett and Rudd on the committee.

Some of the liquor dealers who were present were surprised that the recommendation of the committee was not cut more, and they expressed a determination to appear before Council when the report goes in next Tuesday night, to make objection. It is quite likely that the fee will be further reduced before it passes the council.

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FIREMEN RE-ELECTED.
At the meeting of the Fire Commissioners last night the following men were re-elected: Chief, W. R. Crockett; assistant, R. E. Owen; station men, Walter Smith and C. A. Cotton; runners, J. L. Redford, W. E. Smith, J. H. Brown. The election of the other runners and substitutes was laid over to the next meeting.

The Committee on Badges for the commissioners reported that they would be ready in a few days and would cost \$2 each. The chairman was authorized to approve the bill when presented with the badges to the auditor.

NO QUORUM.
The Ordinance Committee was scheduled to meet yesterday afternoon at 4 o'clock, but a quorum failed to materialize and no meeting was held.

UNDER ARREST.
Officer Wright arrested two negro boys yesterday on the charge of stealing grapes from a vacant house. They are John Dennis and James Scott. Their case will be attended to this morning by Mayor Maurice.

The case of W. P. Vaughan for reckless driving will also come up this morning.

PERSONAL AND GENERAL.
The statement that Dr. T. P. Mathews and Mrs. Mathews were sick is not true, so far as Dr. Mathews is concerned. Mrs. Mathews is slightly ill.

The present between City Engineer Lipscomb and Mr. Robert F. French at the meeting of the Street Committee Thursday night was the topic of conversation on the streets yesterday. The incident is practically closed, so far as personalities are concerned, but interest will revive when the report of the subcommittee is made.

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EVIDENCE IS LACKING

Police Fear to Arrest Person They Strongly Suspect.

WOMAN'S NAME DROPPED

One Who Has Been Under Searchlight of Authorities Said to Be Free of Suspicion in View of Later Developments.

(By Associated Press.)
BUFFALO, March 6.—That the murderer of Edwin L. Burdick will never be brought to justice is becoming a general belief. During the last thirty-six hours of hard work on the mysterious tragedy not an iota of information of sufficient importance to be termed evidence has been unearthed by the police.

The one woman who has been under strong suspicion, and who has become known as the "police suspect," is believed to be guiltless so far as the crime is concerned by some of the officials of the police department and the district attorney's office, and they are convinced that all efforts to fasten the crime upon her will be unavailing.

They do not pretend to have any idea who the murderer is. They simply say that the "right trail" has not been struck. The probability of an immediate arrest being made in the case grows slighter every hour. Other officials are as sanguine as ever that the arrest will be made. They will not predict when it may be made at any moment; it may not be for a week. Among those who remain unshaken in this belief is Superintendent Hall, of the Police Department. He said to night he suspected the same person how as being the slayer of Burdick as he did earlier in the week, and he believed a woman killed Burdick.

An interesting development of the day was the statement made by Chief of Detectives Cusack that the golf stick theory had been abandoned. He is satisfied that the putter was not used in committing the murder. He also thinks the weapon used was carried away from the house.

District Attorney Countsworth spent a busy day in his office. He denied that any clues had been received from developments of importance had arisen.

DENOUNCES POLICE.
Dr. Paine left his office in Batavia and paid a visit to his wife at their Elmwood Avenue home. Both Dr. Paine and Mrs. Paine have retained lawyers to look after the interests of W. E. Webster, of Batavia, who represents Dr. Paine, gave an interview, in which he scathingly denounced the methods of the police.

Philip V. Fenelly, Mrs. Paine's legal adviser, called on her several times during the day. Mrs. Paine was in a happy mood when a reporter called at her home this evening.

"Do you know," said she, with a smile, before any question was asked, "do you know that the detectives have been way off and that neither myself nor my husband are under surveillance of the police?"

"There are several points, Mrs. Paine, upon which it seems that you might make a statement, which could not possibly injure you, and which would better enable the public to understand your position."

Mrs. Paine hesitated a few minutes, and then asked to be excused. "I think," she continued, "that I had better not. I shall tell all that I know to Mr. Penney, my lawyer. We are now on a conference to-day, and he is now on his way to see me here. It is about decided that we shall issue a statement for the papers, but not to-night. This statement will be prepared by Mr. Fenelly, and will, I feel sure, make plain several matters which have been misunderstood by the public in a perverted manner."

Chief Cusack was asked to-day if his men were watching any particular house in the Elmwood district. He declined to answer the question directly, but admitted that a number of his men were still detailed to that territory.

POLICE ARE AT WORK ON BRAND NEW CLUE

(By Associated Press.)
(Saturday) morning the police are at work on a new clue in the Burdick murder mystery. They have found a hackman who drove a young woman to the corner of Ashland Avenue and Summer Street, near the hour of the murder. She walked toward the Burdick house. The police are investigating some of the women who worked in Burdick's suit shop—a garment "X" N 'OTVADNE factory.

WINDOW GLASS COMPANY WILL SHUT DOWN PLANTS

(By Associated Press.)
PITTSBURGH, PA., March 6.—One of the most sensational moves made by the American Window-Glass Company was inaugurated yesterday when the Executive Committee of the corporation issued a formal notice to its workmen that after a lapse of seven days and on March 14th all of the factories of the American Window-Glass Company will close for the season, irrespective of what other companies will do.

First race—mile—Bondage (9 to 20) first, Safeguard (5 to 1) second, Lady Mistake (2 to 1) third. Time, 1:50.25.

Second race—five furlongs—Miram (8 to 6) first, Versifier (4 to 1) second, Josette (11 to 6) third. Time, 1:06.

Third race—two-year-olds, four furlongs—The Brown Monarch (2 to 1) first, Aria (9 to 10) second, Circulator (3 to 1) third. Time, 2:11.

Fourth race—seven furlongs—Rosacoe (7 to 1) first, Sonnet (3 to 6) second, Farmer Jim (8 to 1) third. Time, 1:34.5.

Fifth race—mile and three sixteenths, selling—Irving Mayor (7 to 2) first, Looche (8 to 1) second, Joe Collins (11 to 2) third. Time, 2:11.

Sixth race—selling, mile and three sixteenths—Swordsmen (10 to 1) first, Latson (11 to 6) second, Tammany Chief (12 to 1) third. Time, 2:12.

POSTOFFICE SITE AGAIN.
As it seems to be a settled fact that the postoffice will continue business at the old stand, Bishop the Shirk Building, is glad of it, because he will also continue at the old stand, Seventh and Main Streets, building shills, that for its style and durability cannot be surpassed.

COHEN'S MERCHANDISING IS OPEN

Your money's worth or better. This at all times. Your money back if the purchase proves unsatisfactory.

BOOKS TO BE SOLD.

Too many. No other fault in these to be sold Saturday. They are asked out of the house at these prices:

9 sets of Dickens, 15 volumes to the set, with illustrations, to be closed out at \$2.50.